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SUBJECT: 20 MM MUNITIONS PRODUCTION IN THAILAND

REF: A) BANGKOK 486 B) BANGKOK 531

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1. A.J. DAMOTTA OF U.S. MUNITIONS CONSORTIUM (USMC) TELEPHONED EMBOFF FEB 2 TO ASK WHETHER EMBASSY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SEND LETTER TO ADMIRAL KAVEE (REF B) REGARDING U.S. AS CONTINUING SOURCE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROPOSED 20 MM PLANT.

2. MR. DAMOTTA SAID HE NOW REALIZES, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MR. ROBERT BARRY OF USMC AND OFFICIALS AT STATE AND DEFENSE, THAT THE USG CANNOT PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCES THAT THE USG WILL AUTHORIZE EXPORTS OF REQUISITE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO THAILAND, IN EFFECT, IN PERPETUITY. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE EMBASSY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCES THAT, FROM A POLICY POINT OF VIEW, 20 MM PRODUCTION

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IN THAILAND HAS THEBLESSING OF THE USG AND THAT EXPORT

OF THE NECESSARY PARTS AND EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AUTHORIZED
BY THE USG FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER, BUT STRESSED
AGAIN THAT HE PERSONALLY COULD FORESEE NO CIRCUMSTANCES IN
WHICH THE USG WOULD FUND THE PLANT. MR. DAMOTTA SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD, AND THAT FINANCING WAS NOT A PROBLEM.

4. MR. DAMOTTA ALSO REITERATED HIS EARLIER HOPES ABOUT
FINDING EXPORT MARKETS FOR THE PROPOSED 20 MM PLANT. HE
SAID IT NOW APPEARS HE CAN SECURE AN ORDER FOR 5 MILLION
ROUNDS ANNUALLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. MR. DAMOTTA
SAID HE AND MR. SAMAN OF USMC (REF A) WILL SEE FORNMIN
CHATCHAI EVENING OF FEB 2 TO DISCUSS PLANT CONSTRUCTION
AND PROPOSED IRANIAN SALES. HE ADDED THAT FORNMIN "IS
PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS" TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH IRAN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE
ADMIRAL KAVEE SUITABLE LETTER REGARDING THAI PRODUCTION OF
20 MM ROUNDS FOR A) USE BY RTAF; B) EXPORT.
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